

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



**FISCAL NOTE**

**HB 2053 - SB 2008**

February 9, 2018

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Creates the *Down Syndrome Information Act of 2018*. Requires the Department of Health (DOH), within existing resources, to make available on their website up-to-date, evidence based written information about Down syndrome that has been reviewed by medical experts and state- and national-Down syndrome organizations, including physical, developmental, educational, and psychosocial outcomes, life expectancy, clinical course, intellectual and functional development, and treatment options to certain individuals. Declares that a healthcare provider who renders prenatal or postnatal care or a genetic counselor who renders genetic counseling, may upon receipt of a positive test result from a test for Down syndrome, provide the expectant or new parent with the information provided by the DOH. Provides liability protection to certain physicians.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**NOT SIGNIFICANT**

Assumption:

- The proposed legislation requires the Department of Health to enact the *Down Syndrome Information Act of 2018*. The DOH can accommodate the provisions of the legislation within existing resources without an increased appropriation or reduced reversion.

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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